



Pensioner's refuse left for weeks as council repeatedly fails to act

COUNCIL chiefs have been told to "hang their heads in shame" after rubbish bins belonging to a 93-year-old Weymouth pensioner suffering from

cancer were left unemptied for weeks on end.

The widower has been covered for more than a year by a council agreement which recognises his

age and condition.

The authority promised that dustmen would go down his 20-metre sloping driveway every collection day to pick up his rubbish bins, waste paper or box of tins and waste plastic so he could be spared the effort and so health hazards didn't build up.

But worried relatives said that the agreement had been appallingly carried out with dozens of breaches where no collection was made at all including several where the large general household waste wheeliebin was left full to the brim.

A campaign by his son, *View From* chief reporter Harry Walton, to get the council to recognise shortfalls in the service involved 29 separate phone calls and personal visits to the council without success despite numerous apologies from councillors and senior authority staff and four separate sets of promises that it wouldn't happen again.

The final straw came when relatives arrived to find the 93-year-old halfway down his driveway struggling with a wheeliebin he had dragged out to the road fully loaded

for collection because there was no space in it left for rubbish.

His son said: "I was furious and everyone involved with this fiasco should hang their heads in shame."

"The council said they would empty all Dad's bins on every collection day, but we have just been fobbed off with promises again and again. On one occasion Dad's main household waste bin remained unemptied right through Christmas and New Year, the whole of January and into February."

"The council may be the best in Dorset for recycling but it is obviously

third rate when it comes to looking after those who deserve a bit of help.

"How difficult can it be to collect one wheeliebin? I have personally made numerous phone calls and visits to the council about the problem."

"Senior staff have acknowledged this and apologised several times, but they clearly don't wield enough control over the

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■ HARRY Walton with his father's uncollected rubbish

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HISTORY enthusiast Chris Lovejoy first moved to Lyme Regis in 1997 and has lived between the seaside resort and Axminster in East Devon ever since.

Originally from Newbury, Chris grew up in Kent and London before travelling overseas and spending seven years in an Ashram in Pune, India.

After varying careers, from lawyer to furniture restorer, he now runs history tours of Lyme Regis and this summer is taking on the town's popular ghost tours.

Chris lives with wife Judy and their two cats.

● WHAT did you do before running the Lyme Regis History Walks?

have had many jobs in my life – lawyer, prison probation officer, therapist, creative arts administrator, furniture restorer, ESL teacher, to name just a few. I used to think it was a defect of my character that I always wanted to do different things rather than sticking with one career, but now I'm grateful for all the knowledge and experience I've gained over the years.

● WHY did you start up the history walks?

One day, walking along Sherborne Lane, I had a sudden overwhelming impression of hearing the tramping of heavy boots and deep guttural voices. Although over in a split second, this strange "vision" inspired me to look deeper into town history and I later discovered that this area was one of the front lines of combat during the Siege of Lyme in the Civil War.

The more I read the more I was amazed at the richness and variety of Lyme's past and realised that, while its literary heritage and paleontology was well represented by others, no one, at that time, was presenting the broader history of the town to our visitors. So I started Lyme History Walks. This will be our third season.

● TELL us a little about the walks...

The walks take place on Mondays and Saturdays at 11am from March to September, last an hour and a half and are suitable to anyone with average walking ability. Visitors can now pre-book a walk through the museum. From a humble medieval settlement of monks to a great Elizabethan port, through its subsequent decline and 18th century resurrection as a fashionable resort up to the present day, we meet many of the remarkable men and women who played their part in Lyme's



evolving story. I tell tales from their lives, recount key events, introducing smugglers and buccaneers, artists, rebels, scientists and philanthropists, the humble and the fashionable who all left their mark on the town.

● WHAT'S your favourite Lyme Regis historical link or story?

I love to talk about Thomas Coram and the Foundling Hospital, and tell the story of Lassie, the Pilot Boat dog

who saved the life of a sailor. Henry Fielding's attempted abduction of a local lass is also a great story.

● WHY did you decide to take on the ghost walks this summer?

I decided to take on the Ghost Walks as an exciting challenge. Despite the great training and support he has given me, I know Carl Salter will be a hard act to follow.

● WHAT can those taking part expect from the Ghost Walks?

The Ghost Walks are above all good entertainment for all the family. Participants can expect a blend of local folklore, scary (but not too scary!) stories, spooky jokes, sound effects and slapstick. They will start in May, every Tuesday and Thursday from 7.30pm for an hour throughout the season from the museum or other named venue.

● WHAT are your other personal interests?

Meditation is my greatest joy. I can't imagine my life without it. I play the piano and keyboard and enjoy all kinds of music alone. I also love being around most kinds of animals.

● WHAT do you like about living in this area?

I love the warm, easygoing nature of the local people and the soft blend of rural and ocean landscape, so good for walking.

● WHAT would you add to or change about the area if you could?

I would revive the old Axminster to Lyme Regis branch line, closed in 1965. I believe this could solve a lot of our traffic problems.

● WHAT would you do if you won the Lottery?

I would start a foundation for teaching meditation in prisons and open an animal rescue centre.

● WHICH three people would you invite to a dream dinner party?

I would invite three of my favourite comedians/comic actors - Lenny Henry, Sandy Toksvig and Giles Branthwaite.

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Should the borough change to an all-out voting system with all councillors elected every four years?

RESIDENTS are being consulted on whether to change Weymouth and Portland's electoral cycle to "all out" elections, starting from May 2015.

Under the current system, councillors are elected to the borough council by thirds which means that elections are held each year for three years out of four.

Residents are being asked whether they would prefer a different system which would see the whole council elected at the same time once every four years.

Councillors have agreed in principle to the change but must consult with the public before any alteration can be made.

Weymouth & Portland council's Resources Director Jason Vaughan said:

"The results of the recent budget consultation showed that a high proportion of local people and businesses are in favour of changing to the "all out" system which could help the council to save £90,000 over four years.

"However, we need to make sure that residents are aware of the political impact of making this change as well as the financial benefits.

"When people take part in this survey the differences between the two systems will be clearly explained so they can make an informed choice."

Some of the reasons for changing to 'all out' elections include

- The "all out" electoral cycle could create a more stable political environment and help the council to adopt a more strategic, long-term approach to policy and decision making.

- The current system means that some people within the borough have fewer opportunities to vote and influence the political composition of the council than their neighbours in a different ward.

- The Electoral Commission advise that a mixed pattern of electoral cycles is less easily understood by the general public and can cause voter fatigue in multi-councillor wards.

- Holding elections once every four

years instead of every three years out of four would save the council £90,000 over a four year period, an important saving when the council's funding from central Government is being seriously reduced.

An online survey and further information about the different electoral cycles is now available at: www.dorsetforyou.com/all-out-elections

Paper copies of the survey form are available on request at the council's North Quay reception or by calling 01305 838000

The survey closing date is Friday May 24th.

Burglars smash window to gain entry to home

BURGLARS smashed a window to get into a Weymouth house where they stole an iPod Touch, a gold fob watch with a broken glass face, a gold cross, a silver St Christopher chain and a quantity of foreign money.

The incident happened sometime between 7am and 5pm on March 21st at a property in the Broughton Crescent area of Wyke Regis.

The victim, a 55-year-old Weymouth man, returned home from work to find thieves had gained entry by smashing a window. No arrests have been made.

PC Adam Bayliss, of Weymouth Police, said: "This crime has left the victim very shaken, and he is understandably upset that his personal belongings have been rifled through by strangers.

"I am appealing for anyone who may have witnessed this incident or has information about those responsible to contact police as soon as possible.

"I would also appeal to anyone who recalls any suspicious activity in the area at the time of the burglary.

"It is possible that members of the public may be offered the jewellery in unusual circumstances and we would urge them to speak to police as well. All calls will be treated in the strictest of confidence."

Witnesses and anyone with information should call Dorset Police in confidence on 101 quoting incident number 21:327 or call the free and anonymous Crimestoppers line on 0800 555 111.

Olympic 'green' legacy success

WEYMOUTH and Portland's huge "green" success during the Olympics has drawn gold medal praise from Games bosses.

The Natural Weymouth and Portland Partnership is now forging ahead for the future to build on successes

at Lorton Valley Nature Park in Weymouth and the Portland Quarries Nature Park.

Concerted efforts have taken both areas, extended them and produced what Weymouth and Portland legacy head Simon Williams has called "a sum greater

than the separate parts".

That success was described as "impressive" by International Olympic Committee sustainability head Nichelle Lemaire while Natural England chief executive David Webster was full of praise when he visited the area.

He said: "It was clear to see that you have managed to bring together key partners to help achieve a joint approach to telling the natural environment story.

Mr Williams said Lorton had seen its nature reserve expanded with extra land to create a single green unit which was highly accessible to local residents rather than a collection of individual sites.

He added: "The Portland Quarries Nature Park provides an opportunity for local people and visitors to experience the fantastic natural environment and wildlife of the island through paths and trails through the park, much of which is now managed by Dorset Wildlife Trust."

Mr Williams said that the partnership was now looking firmly to the future.

He added: "We will jointly be bidding for external funding for future projects to continue the good work which has been so highly commended.

"These sites and others such as the Chesil Beach and Radipole Lake visitor centres will all be linked together later this year by the Legacy Trail from Lorton Barn to Portland Bill.

"Things are happening now which would not have happened were it not for the fact that Weymouth and Portland held the Olympic and Paralympic Games sailing events.

"That's what legacy is all about."



■ GREEN SUCCESS: Viewing the legacy

Two more major shops lost to Weymouth town centre

WEYMOUTH has lost two more major brand names after jeweller H Samuel and Mothercare announced they were closing their branches in the town.

Mothercare will shut its doors first on April 10th with H Samuel closing on May 3rd.

The shops are both in St Mary Street and their closures are the latest blow to Weymouth's struggling town centre.

Other recent closures include the likes

of fashion chain Next opposite H Samuel, DVD and games rental chain Blockbuster's branch in St Thomas Street, Brunches Restaurant in Maiden Street and Esteem Jewellery in St Thomas Street.

Weymouth and Portland economic development and town centre spokesman Councillor Ian Munro-Price said it was "always a shame" when economic circumstances forced a national retailer out of town.

But he added: "Weymouth's record

for empty shops is actually better than the national average.

"And there are positive notes at the moment because up to 600 new jobs have been created in Weymouth through a variety of sites including Sainsbury, Premier Inn and Beefeater."

Mr Munro-Price added that in his experience there was also no shortage of people inquiring about empty shops so they could start new businesses in the town.

Council failure over rubbish collection

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people they are in charge of to issue simple collection instructions and, more importantly, make them stick."

A February 4th showdown saw Weymouth and Portland waste operations and transport head Mike Haines admit that the council's lack of collection service care had been "unacceptable".

He promised relatives he would deal with the situation and make sure future collections were made on a regular basis.

But this latest promise - the council's fifth - was breached almost as soon as it was made with the pensioner's main household waste bin remaining unemptied for nearly two months.

Weymouth and Portland recycling and refuse collection spokesman Councillor Ian Roebuck said: "The council has a well deserved reputation for waste disposal collection.

"However, it has clearly fallen down very badly on this. I will try to find out why and get back to Mr Walton senior."

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Deputy chief constable appointed

DORSET Police has announced the appointment of James Vaughan as the new Deputy Chief Constable for the force.

Mr Vaughan is currently the Assistant Chief Constable of Dorset Police and will take up his appointment as the Deputy Chief Constable on May 1st this year.

Chief Constable, Debbie Simpson said: "I am delighted to announce that Mr Vaughan has been successful in his application ... He has a wealth of operational policing experience and I am very pleased indeed that he will be joining our team.

The new Deputy Chief joined Dorset Police last year following the retirement of former Assistant Chief Constable Mike Glanville. He came to the county from Wiltshire where he started in 1992 working in various uniform and detective roles in the northern part of the county.

On promotion he served as a Detective Sergeant and Detective Inspector in Swindon leading up to 2005, when he was selected to join the High Potential Development Scheme.

As a Chief Inspector he was the staff officer to the Chief Constable and later led the centralisation of roads policing within the operations portfolio.

Promoted to Detective Superintendent in 2007, Mr Vaughan led the Force's response to major, serious and organised crime and led

numerous programmes of change to deliver significant capability development for the Force, whilst leading and managing numerous murder and other major crime investigations.

He has led various collaboration programmes regionally and developed and implemented force structures to meet the austerity challenges.

He holds a masters degree in criminology and police management and has published research on his academic interests in child homicide. His is also the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) lead for the South West Regional forensic services collaboration.

He is married to Sacha and has five children, two of whom are at university. He enjoys natural history, music, sports and keeping fit.



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Swift resolution to Sutton Poyntz bus row

PRESTON councillor Ian and Hazel Bruce have organised a site meeting to produce an action plan to remove problems for buses serving Sutton Poyntz.

Bus giant First had originally planned to scrap the service but have reinstated it provided new traffic measures are installed.

The couple met Paul Walker and Andrew Brown from Dorset County Council, John Banks from Weymouth and Portland council, Mark Williams from First Group and local residents Bill Egerton and Michelle Underhill.

First Group had asked for some

measures to be taken to ensure the buses could operate safely and to schedule.

Councillor Bruce said that all concerned agreed that measures could be taken which were non-controversial, inexpensive and could be achieved without time consuming Traffic Orders.

Sutton Poyntz chairman Mr Egerton and Michelle Underhill, who lives in Sutton Road, said they were sure neighbours would be happy at the measures taken while council officers said they were sure they could achieve what was needed.

Mr Williams said he was confident

that, as soon as work on the measures was started, First would be able to confirm the continuation of the Sutton Poyntz Service.

Mrs Bruce said: "We are all so pleased that such swift agreement was made but now it is up to local people to make sure they are using the service all year round so it is a commercial success."

Mr Bruce said it was also important for all motorists to remember to park in such a way that buses could get through safely and that they should give way and, if necessary, back up if they met a bus on a narrow section



■ SUTTON ROAD SITE MEETING. From the left are Paul Walker, Councillor Ian Bruce, Andrew Brown, Councillor Hazel Bruce, Michelle Underhill, Mark Williams and Bill Egerton.



■ SARAH Gilpin with the stone block

Community sculpting

A NEW long term sculpture project is being launched in Weymouth.

The initiative is a joint venture between the RSPB and sculptor Sarah Gilpin who runs the Sculpture Hut at Portland Bill.

Weymouth RSPB centre manager Michelle Williams said: "The whole project has been made possible by money from the Heritage Lottery Fund."

"We are quite excited about this opportunity to do something different on the Radipole reserve to encourage new people to visit."

Sarah will be working on a large block of Portland stone starting on Sunday, April 7th and thereafter on the first Sunday of every month right through until September.

Sarah said: "What I create will depend on what happens when people join me working on the stone. If they knock a bit off then our idea will have to change and evolve with it!"

"The project will encourage anyone of any age or ability to come and have a go at sculpting. All tools will be provided."

She added that the overall theme will be that of an abstract bird.

No booking is required. People can just turn up and have a go. More information is available on 01305-778313.

Open day gives all comers a taste of sailing

A BIG open day to encourage new sailors has been held at Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy.

The event included a wide range of activities from windsurfing and dinghy sailing to kayaking and rock climbing.

Academy business manager Chris Knight said: "This was our commitment to the local community and we are planning more open days during the year."

"Our aim is to engage with people who might be curious about trying more sports and be considering sailing as one of them."

"The idea is that such people were able to come to the academy and get an idea of whether sailing was for them without having to spend vast amounts of money."

"We had instructors available to talk to them, take them out on the water and explain how this interest might be taken to the next level."

Among those taking advantage of the open day was Chesil Sailability, a group which provides opportunities for people with disabilities to experience the freedom and exhilaration of sailing.

Chairman Hugh de Jongh said: "The open day was our first public event and we saw a number of people about becoming sailors and volunteers."

"We are passionate about giving people an opportunity to try sailing, to learn to sail and take the sport to whatever level they want. This is 2012 legacy in practice on our doorstep."



■ ALL aboard with Chris Knight (left) and Hugh de Jongh.

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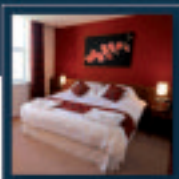
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Whitehead torpedos remembered with a plaque unveiled by local children

A GRANITE plaque has been unveiled to remember the former Whitehead Torpedo factory in Weymouth.

Wyke Regis Protection Society organised the work at Whitehead Drive which upgraded an existing Whitehead plaque at Ferrybridge where lettering had almost eroded away.

The Society put out a plea for donations, many Drive residents chipped in as did Wyke Social Club, the Working Men's Club and residents and retired employees of Whiteheads,

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stonemason David Housell of Stones the Masons carrying out work on the 48x30-inch plaque.

Years of history were bridged when the unveiling was performed by 90 Wyke Regis Junior School pupils who have been studying World War II as part of their history lessons.

One snippet they discovered was that factory founder Robert Whitehead's great-granddaughter married Captain Von Trapp of Sound of Music fame!

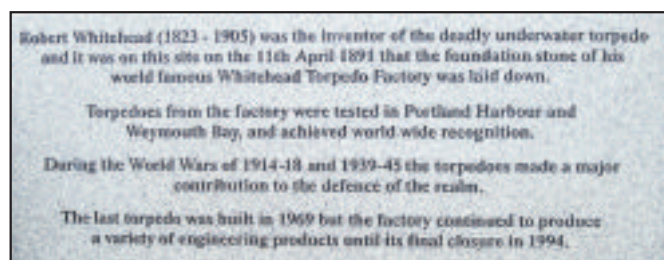
An opening speech was given by pupil Henry Bell, 11, who said the factory was founded in 1898, did important torpedo work in both world wars and sadly closed in 1966. It was taken over by Wellworthy which closed in 1989, the site being sold and demolished in the late 1990s.

Houses now stand on its site but the plaque providing a permanent memory of Whitehead was welcomed by many at the ceremony including former Whitehead fitter and turner John Collins who said: "It was good of the Society to arrange this plaque."

"When I was at Whiteheads it employed more than 1,000 people, so it is difficult to stand here and realise it has all gone. The plaque is an important memory of what Whiteheads did."

Society secretary Jean Hamdorff said: "We owe stonemason David Housell a big vote of thanks for producing such a lovely plaque. Whiteheads Torpedo factory brought people here to work from all over the country and we think it is very important to remember that history."

Wyke councillor, Kate Wheller agreed and said: "The plaque is beautiful, made to last so future generations will remember what was here. It is also lovely to see so many people here to watch it being unveiled."



■ HISTORY remembered (above)

■ HENRY Bell (below)



■ CHEERING the plaque



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■ OLIVE Carroll (front left) and Hayne Russell (front right) with new chairman Sam Williams (front centre)

Cancer retirees honoured as survival rates double

SIXTY years of service was recognised when two key members retired from the Weymouth, Portland and Dorchester Cancer Research UK fundraising committee.

Former Weymouth and Portland Mayor, Olive Carroll, completed 35 years with the group, mostly as chairman, while Hayne Russell was with the committee for 25 years including 14 as treasurer.

The committee recognised their service with a presentation at the

Crown Hotel, Weymouth, where each received a medal, a certificate and a bouquet.

Cancer Research UK South West regional manager Sam Williams said, "It is an incredible commitment that they have given to the charity and, between the two of them, with support from the committee, they have raised more than £200,000 which is an amazing effort. During their period of service to the charity cancer survival rates have more than

doubled."

Mrs Carroll said, "I lost my father to cancer and decided to join Cancer Research way back in 1978. I just cannot believe the time has gone so quickly.

"I have really enjoyed myself and I've always had wonderful people around me, which has made the hard work enjoyable."

The committee's new chairman will be Sarah Musselwhite and the new treasurer will be David Tattersall.

Brewers' Quay re-opens as antiques Aladdin's cave

WEYMOUTH'S Brewers Quay complex drew scores of shoppers when it officially re-opened for the first time since tenants were asked to leave by the end of 2010.

Easter visitors were able to browse the new look site, which includes nearly 50 antiques and col-

lectibles units as well as mini antique sales and cabinet areas.

Brewers Quay Emporium Ltd co-directors Mike Ellery and Paul Cartledge said there were future plans for a World War II D-Day museum in another part of the complex as well as an arts and

crafts area for everything from photographers to driftwood art and jewellery manufacturers.

Mr Ellery said: "That crafts area isn't open yet but it is proving so popular that we have already taken deposits on lettings for several units."

He revealed that the host

of new outlets at Brewers Quay only came about by chance.

He said: "We were initially interested in having a small area for antiques but we got sent plans for the whole area instead of a small section and suddenly realised there was real space here and a wonderful opportunity to really expand our plans.

"The rest is history and we just hope that the tremendous initial response from the public continues.

"We are not trying to recreate Brewers Quay as it was. This is a new start with a new venture and a new emphasis on the types of trade."

Brewers Quay was officially launched with a reception for invited guests including local hoteliers, business people and those in the antiques, vintage and collectibles trade.

Mr Ellery said: "We have a café here and we hope that in future people will come in, see what we have and enjoy a cup of tea in our unique shopping experience."



■ MIKE Ellery (front) and Paul Cartledge hit the high notes at Brewers Quay

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Boldly going where no sand has gone before!

THE FORCE was with Sandworld when it boldly went where no sand sculpture had gone before by staging the world's first exhibition of science fiction in sand.

The site at Weymouth's Lodmoor Country Park is now displaying more than a dozen stunning sculptures some of which, like Dr Who's Tardis, are in the very early stages of construction.

Others like Star Wars, Star Trek, Ben 10 and the Time Machine are fully completed as is Alien while others such as Thunderbirds being built by Lee Tetzner are well on the way to completion.

Sandworld is the brainchild of

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Weymouth sandmodeller Mark Anderson and co-founder David Hicks.

David said: "My favourite is the Time Machine because of its flowing spiral lines and because it epitomises science fiction. Everyone would love to be a time traveller."

The exhibition will now run every day from 10.30am and will continue until November 3rd.

Mark said: "I like all the sculptures for different reasons and people will be amazed at what 2,000 tons of sand can be transformed into. We are

going to infinity and beyond!"

The exhibition was officially opened by the legendary Brian Muir who designed the iconic Darth Vader mask for Star Wars and who has worked on more than 70 films including four Harry Potters, ten James Bond films, Alien, Superman and Indiana Jones.

He recovered enough from being attacked by Darth Vader to tell the **View**: "This is a very good exhibition and, with the medium they are working in, the results are incredible."

He then revealed that his Darth Vader mask is the second most recognised object in the world....behind the coca cola bottle!



■ **OFFICIAL OPENING:** Brian Muir, above right, who has worked on more than 70 Hollywood films was invited to cut the ribbon to open the Sandworld sci fi exhibition, although Darth Vader clearly thought he was the more important guest.

Mr Muir is also pictured, right with the iconic mask that he designed.

Left, Lee Tetzner tries to keep warm while working on the Thunderbirds sculpture.



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■ JOSH Hicks, 7, from Bristol with a trail clue watched by Donna Brading

Eggs at the castle

CHOCOLATE eggs were hunted through an ancient historical setting when Portland castle staged an Easter egg hunt.

Youngsters were able to follow and English Heritage Easter Trail which dealt with the history of Easter eggs as gifts.

This included how they were dyed and decorated, the first wholly chocolate egg made by Cadbury in

1873 and how Easter eggs symbolise the advent of new life.

Castle site manager Donna Brading said: "We have been really busy and children have been very excited. They seem to like chocolate eggs!

"We will be running our Easter Trail until Sunday, April 14th, and we have a large supply of chocolate eggs so we won't run out."

A special kind of egg hunt



MORE than 30 people braved cold winds to join the Great Chesil Eggcase Hunt at Chesil Beach near Weymouth.

It was led by Dorset Wildlife Trust's Marc Smith who explained to the group what they were looking for by showing them examples of eggcases during a briefing at the Chesil Beach Centre ahead of the hunt.

He said people might be lucky enough to find shark, skate or ray eggcases, adding that every child who found one would get a chocolate egg.

Marc revealed that all finds would have their data recorded and sent off to the Shark Trust to help with conservation.



■ Bella Phillips, 5, from Chickerell holds a dried shark

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National Pet Month 2013 - 1st April to 6th May
"Your pets and you: Companions for life"



National Pet Month in a Nutshell

When?

From 1st April – 6th May 2013, you are invited to be a part of National Pet Month. Thousands of people up and down the UK will be celebrating life with their pets, spreading the word on responsible pet ownership or raising money for their favourite charity in fun-filled events. Why not be a part of this?

National Pet Month's Aims:

- Promote responsible pet owner-

ship.

- Make people aware of the mutual benefits of living with pets.
- Increase public awareness of the role of pet care specialists.
- Raise awareness of the value of working and assistance companion animals.

What?

Each year the responsible pet ownership message is conveyed by running the events under a central theme.. Our 2012 theme is "

Your pets and you: a winning team".

Who?

National Pet Month is a registered charity, unique in bringing together animal welfare charities, professional bodies, pet businesses, schools, youth groups and pet lovers, with the common goal of improving the welfare of pets. The trustees are National Office of Animal Health (NOAH), Pet Food Manufacturers' Association (PFMA) and Pet Care Trust (PCT).

How?

First of all become a supporter. This will keep you up-to-date with our activities and you will get a free events pack. Anyone wanting to find out more about running events for National Pet Month can also check out the details on putting on an event.

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Pets N Pics – which has opened in Lynden Way, just off the town square – promises to keep the most ardent animal fans happy, stocking pet food, bedding, food bowls – in fact everything to keep your pets happy and healthy.

Wild and exotic animals are catered for too, with food for badgers, foxes, snakes and even lizards and pet spiders.

Anything not in stock can be ordered and in store within 36 hours, promises owner and Beaminster resident Lynne Towers.

The self-confessed animal fanatic owns two Shetland ponies and two Jack Russells, and has owned pets all her life.

She said: "I have 50 years' experience looking after pets and so I can offer advice as well as products.

"A lot of my range is from local suppliers like Futures dog food – which is made in Bridport." The 'Pics' half of the business is taken care of by Lynne's friend Eric Harvey.

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- 1) Think carefully before getting a pet and learn about its specific requirements and whether you can provide them.
- 2) Ensure your pet is sociable and well trained.
- 3) Provide a nutritious and well balanced diet specific to their species and breed.
- 4) Provide suitable housing and bedding.
- 5) Clean up after your pet and worm it regularly. This is important for their individual health and for public safety.
- 6) Vaccinate and treat against preventable diseases and parasites.
- 7) Prevent unwanted litters and neuter your pet.
- 8) Groom your pet regularly.
- 9) Control your pet and sure it is properly identified.
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The Christian Column

AS I SEE IT ...
by Geoff Treleven**After Easter**

AFTER being reminded once again of all that Good Friday and Easter meant for our Lord and ourselves, it is likely that some of us might have made a fresh resolve for the future.

Whether we carry out our intentions could depend on how we value all that the Lord suffered for each of us.

This is, of course, a personal matter. The price set by the people of Israel was a mere 30 silver coins. (Matthew 27:9) Whatever that equates to in modern currency, there is no way our Lord's life could ever be valued in monetary terms.

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In the King James Version of the bible, Easter is only mentioned once. (Acts 12:4) It related to a time when Peter was put under intensive guard in prison by Herod, with the intention of bringing him out for public trial after Easter. However, Herod's intentions were never realised because God intervened and, shortly afterwards, Herod died.

The important point is whether our good intentions are fulfilled. If our personal valuation of Jesus is anything like His valuation of us, we will follow through with what we have resolved to do.

If you have a news story or a photo for the View from Weymouth or the View from Portland please call Harry Walton on 01305 787843 or email hds Walton@yahoo.co.uk

Images of Gwen

WEYMOUTH'S Leighton Gallery is celebrating its tenth anniversary with a 25-picture exhibition of geologist and model Gwen Hawkins.

All the paintings were completed in a single year by gallery owner Martin Leighton and are being shown in an Images of Gwen display at the Trinity Street gallery together with many other artists' creations from wood to glass including a variety of other Leighton paintings.

Leighton said: "Gwen is stunning, an artist's dream, and you can see that in the paintings."

"Gwen was born with only half her left arm and once held the 100m individual medley swimming world record."

"I first met her when she visited the gallery. She thought I was joking when I said I would like to paint her if she ever had enough free time."

"For over a year she didn't take my offer seriously, but I kept repeating it and eventually she relented and said, OK."

"Her canvasses have proved exceptionally popular and buyers have taken them back to Canada, Australia, South Africa and all over the UK."

"I am constantly painting her and one of our future projects is to do a series of beach paintings....if we ever get the weather!"

Leighton's other works range from wildlife – an elephant painting of his hangs in the World Wildlife Fund headquarters in Cape Town – to landscapes, seascapes and numerous portraits from clothed to semi-nude and nude. All sell well.

Martin said: "We have been going for ten years and I will never stop painting until I drop dead. It is a tie having a gallery, so at some stage I might hire someone to run so I can relax a bit more, but for now I am quite happy painting every day."



■ MARTIN Leighton with six of his "Gwen" paintings.

Daffs down as weather hits show

■ ROS GANT with stunning floral entries

NEARLY 200 entries graced Broadway and Upwey Horticultural Society's annual spring show in Weymouth.

Society chairman Ros Gant said that daffodil entries were down because of the weather.

But she added: "This was balanced out by an increase in cookery, preserves, handicrafts and children's entries."

"I felt that pot plants were most impressive entries this year closely followed by the gentlemen's fruit cake

entries!"

Prizes were shared equally between great rivals Bill Haworth and Ray Hayward in the daffodil classes.

Doris Flack took the award for the best exhibit in the floral decoration classes and the photographic section while Isla Brown won the Junior Cup, beating stiff opposition from seven other competitors.

Ros said: "Everyone is now looking forward to our summer show in August."

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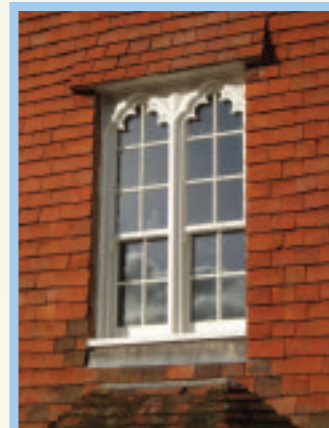
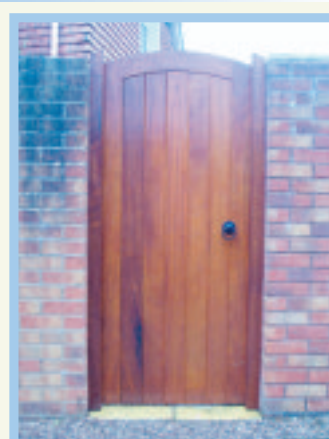
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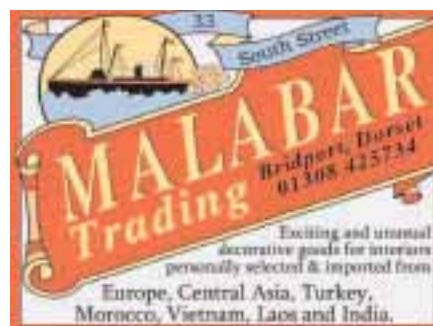
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Weymouth Matters

A personal View by HARRY WALTON

Definite cause for celebration!

SOME of you may have been wondering why all the churches were ringing their bells in celebration the other day.

So I'd better announce that my new run of blackberry wine has been a great success and seems to promise many delicious glasses to come once all 17 gallons have been allowed to settle for a month ready for bottling.

There were a few hiccups along the way, not from tasting or imbibing but through mistakes I made while racking the wine off to get rid of sludge.

This saw everything happen from wilful jets of wine suddenly squirting free of tubing all over the floor to one nasty scenario where a demijohn was nearly full of racked off wine only for me to realise I hadn't cleaned the next one to take overflow.

Still, more than 90 percent of what I started to make last August has proved to be just as good as I hoped it would be while the rest is borderline cooking wine-paint stripper.

This wild disparity does happen and I can't for the life of me work out why since everything was clean and every demijohn of wine tucked away to ferment all came from the same mixing tubs.

Anyway, I tried to keep my success topical and went out to burn a few council press releases, hence all the church bells being rung when they saw my white smoke . . . at least I think they were celebrating my wine.

Don't worry - just ride on the pavement

THOSE in charge of our surroundings frequently mystify us with their decisions and the new cycle route on Chickereil Road in Weymouth is a case in point.

A cyclist drew my attention to it because he was so confused by all the work that he wasn't sure where he should be pedalling.

Now you may think there should be little confusion over a nice clearly marked lane for cyclists along what is a very busy road.

But the reason why the cyclist was so confused was because the new cycle

lane is marked out....along an existing pavement!

The stretch from Granby to Fiveways is dotted with little white cycle symbols but they are all on the pavement not the road.

This masterstroke apparently combining pedestrian and cycle traffic on the same stretch of pavement didn't just bewilder the cyclist but seriously worried him.

As he pointed out, there are numerous old people's homes, bungalows and facilities just off this part of Chickereil Road.

They must have struck a chord with those installing the new cycle route because, where the pavement dips to allow cars access to be parked outside these homes, a green "carpet" has been laid on the entry road complete with a glaring white bicycle symbol painted on it.

Cyclists clearly don't need to be alerted to the presence of pedestrians because they are riding on a pavement but, to use the words of the worried cyclist who talked to me, he had nightmare visions of speeding cyclists meeting less than speedy octogenarians thrusting

zimmer frames in front of them.

The carnage this could potentially cause when you delicately stir in an occasional vehicle crossing both their paths at right angles makes your eyes water just thinking about it.

Perhaps the authorities know something we don't....or perhaps we've spotted something the authorities have missed. Whichever, everyone using this particular stretch of pavement has got a bit more to think about than they did before the works!

Messaging the council from the bottom of a pothole

I'M having to text this story to the outside world in the hope that someone sees it because I'm currently marooned in Weymouth at the bottom of a pothole in Chafeys Avenue.

It was my own stupid fault. After all, when you drive down an ordinary residential road these days you must expect to have your car occasionally disappear

without trace into something the size of Jeremy Clarkson's mouth.

I've tried shouting for help, but I'm so far below ground level that it could be days before anyone hears or several years before help arrives if I'm pinning my hopes on being discovered by a passing council pothole repair crew.

Experts tell us that so little has been

done to finance staying on top of pothole repairs that it will take years and cost billions just to catch up to where we are now. By that time it won't be roads with holes in but holes linked by small bits of road.

There are boneshaking experiences to be sampled from Upwey to Easton and it is no wonder garages across the nation are reporting a sharp rise in damage to vehi-

cles caused by potholes which, in some instances, can run into thousands of pounds.

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Heaven 17, Nik Kershaw and The Proclaimers join the Lulworth festival line-up



Nik Kershaw

THEY love the 80s at Camp Bestival HQ, and this year they'll be turning Lulworth Castle into their own little time machine, celebrating one of the greatest decades in human history from August 1st-4th, with a glorious triumvirate of newly announced legends of the age, and some proper down-

the-disco type action from inimitable rogues The Cuban Brothers. And that's not all as we have added even more mighty fine cutting-edge live acts and DJs all for your delectation.

Contemplating the merits of the mullet, Rob da Bank says: "As a child of the 80s, I love that era. One-hit-wonders sit happily alongside some of the most visionary pop and electronic records ever made in my record collection. Heaven 17 fall into that latter category and still kill it wherever they go, so I can't wait to see and more importantly hear them at Camp Besti. The Proclaimers are an incredible festival act for a good old singalong and Nik Kershaw is a boyhood idol

too. Wrap it all up with Barry Peters and his Cuban Brother friends hosting an 80s night each day and it's time for some serious leg-warmers, rah-rah skirts and fingerless lace glove action... Well, that's what I'll be wearing anyway!"

Kicking off with a band that was the personification of 80s cool on their debut album 'Penthouse and Pavement', we are extremely pleased to be welcoming the fantastic Heaven 17 to Lulworth Castle. Stalwarts of new wave synth-pop, Heaven 17 lit up the charts with a string of Top 40 hits and quickly became one of the 80s' biggest bands, so we can wait to take a trip down memory lane and catch their unmissable live set.

The greatest twins of the 80s were unquestionably The Proclaimers. Purveyors of some of the decade's most memorable and enduring anthems, we're mega-excited that Charlie & Craig Reid's raucously infectious live show is coming to Camp Bestival. Utterly irresistible, you know you're going to find yourself bellowing every single word of 'I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles)' and 'Letter To America' at the top of your voice along with absolutely everyone else and we can't wait!

Speaking about Camp Bestival, The

Proclaimers said last week: "We are looking forward immensely to our first appearance at Camp Bestival and enjoying first-hand this unique event."

80s icon Nik Kershaw is also coming to Camp Bestival! With massive sing-along hits like 'I Won't Let The Sun Go Down On Me' and 'Wouldn't It Be Good', Nik spent more time in the charts in 1984 than any other solo artist. Having carved a successful career as a songwriter, Nik is still a regular on the live circuit, gaining regular plaudits for his hit-packed sets, so make sure you join us down the front for a sing-along.

Camp Bestival loves the 80s so much in fact that we've got our resident retro heroes The Cuban Brothers to present some special themed spectacles hosted by their alter-ego characters Barry Peters (featuring Special Guests) for that truly big night out feel.

And don't forget that there's plenty more sublime 80s action going on at Camp Bestival with previously announced legends Musical Youth, who will be 'passing the dutchie' like only they can, plus Kid Creole And The Coconuts, whose live set is the very definition of suave booty shaking.

As much as we love the 80s, it's not all about reliving those glory days at

Camp Bestival - they've also got some bang up to date musical treats to keep you on your toes. Mercury Prize nominated folk singer Sam Lee & Friends will be showcasing their unconventional take on traditional folk and Molotov Jukebox (whose singer Natalia Tena will be familiar to the Camp B crowd as Nymphadora Tonks in Harry Potter), will also be on hand with their gypsy, samba, ska, dubstep and swing-blending ways. Ady Suleiman is also set to wow the crowds with his strikingly soulful voice, there will be folk-infused melodic pop from Hudson Taylor, epic acoustic delights from Lloyd Yates

and slick flows from rap wunderkind Isaiah Dreads.

ITV's Coronation Street star Craig Charles will be supplying an irresistible array of funk and soul sounds from his famous trunk of funk, the very welcome return of the Sunday Best Forum Allstars who will be rocking the ones and twos and the esteemed DJ Dapper Dan who will be getting the crowds skanking to his conscious riddims!

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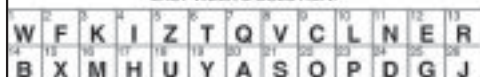
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:



Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

6. Produce an eviction order? (4,3)
7. Penny loaf? How funny! (5)
9. How a motorist can correct a glaring error (3)
10. She gets the theatre in an uproar (9)
12. It describes Adam or I (5,6)
15. Decline to acknowledge applause - and retire! (4,4,3)
17. Rose spray? (9)
19. The last thing one aims for (3)
21. Feeling irritable? (5)
22. Feeling fed-up? (7)

Down

1. His victims lose heart (5)
2. Person who discredits an old woman (3)
3. One type has four heels, another none at all (4)
4. It's for the rest of the cast (5,4)
5. His fare is too much (7)
8. Fill a support with hesitation (6)
11. I'll get him prepared for publicity's glare (9)
13. Capital form of punishment (6)
14. They're trodden underfoot (7)
16. One I form out of uniformity (5)
18. It's flat and square (4)
20. He gets red if a stranger addresses him! (3)



Quick Clues:

Across

6. Advance (7)
7. Body of troops (5)
9. Employ (3)
10. Cancellation (9)
12. Theory (11)
15. Introductory (11)
17. Perilous (9)
19. Fresh (3)
21. Set free (5)
22. Shake (7)

Down

1. Attire (5)
2. Perform (3)
3. Average (4)
4. Sleeping room (9)
5. Belief (7)
8. Morose (6)
11. Express regret (9)
13. Photographic device (6)
14. Makar (7)
16. Trifling (5)
18. Incite (4)
20. Pig-pen (3)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:

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5	4	7	1	3	6	8	2
3	6	8	2	7	4	1	5
6	2	1	5	6	4	3	7
7	1	3	2	6	5	8	4
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Up Close and Personal: Contemporary Reflections on Ancient Wessex

DEEP personal experience has prompted surprising responses by 24 contemporary artists to Dorset County Museum's rich collection. The exhibition – Encounters – which opened at the Museum in February, appeals to a wide audience, both young and old. It contains an fascinating range of concepts in a variety of different, and in some cases highly unusual, media.

The members of Wessex Contemporary Arts have worked with the Museum's support to present works that are both a response to the collections and a development of their own working practice. The archaeological holdings of the Museum have, not surprisingly, been the focus of the largest number of artists.

There are several workshops and 'meet the artists' events scheduled throughout the spring months to bring the Encounters concept alive and encourage a greater understanding of how contemporary arts can be part of everyone's experience.

The artists, all from Wessex Contemporary Arts, will be there personally to talk about their work between 10.30am and 12 noon on 4 and 11 April. Come along to meet them, hear about their work and find out what inspired them. Some of the artists are also running workshops to encourage tactile engagement with processes and concepts that are at the heart of Contemporary art. The next of these, an experimental drawing encounter with artists Jindra Jehu and Louise Roll, takes place at the Museum on Saturday 30 March between 10.30am and 12 noon. This is excellent value at just £3.00 per person, it is suitable for all ages and there is no need to book.

On Saturday, April 27th, Bill Crumbleholme is holding a workshop for adults on Neolithic Grooved Ware Pottery, and on Saturday 11 May Susan Hughes is running a portrait drawing workshop – this activity is suitable for adults and children over 13. Both activities cost £7.50 per person and advance booking is essential – contact the Museum Shop on 01305 756827 for further details and to book.

Encounters: Wessex Contemporary Artists meet Dorset County Museum runs until June 7th 2013 and entry to the exhibition is free. For further information pick up an exhibition leaflet at the Museum shop or visit the website on www.dorsetcountymuseum.org.

Series of talks on Thomas Hardy begin later this month

DEMEZLA Hookway from the University of Exeter will give a talk on Thomas Hardy and John Stuart Mill at Dorset County Museum. This is the first in a series of five lectures about Thomas Hardy and is part of a larger project from a Hardy Country working group which includes Dorset County Museum, the National Trust and the University of Exeter. Designed to finally put Hardy firmly on the map, the lectures will provide a physical experience of this ongoing project to revise the profile of Thomas Hardy both locally and nationally. The addition of lectures by academics studying Hardy provides a link to contemporary ideas about him and his work and a link to a public who know Hardy only from his novels.

Demelza Hookway opens the series with a talk on Thursday, April 25th from 7.30pm, about Hardy and John Stuart Mill – a British philosopher and political economist and an influential contributor to social and political theory. Hardy called John Stuart Mill "one of the profoundest thinkers" of the nineteenth century. This talk will show how he was both a critic and a champion of Mill's ideas as he tested them out in his novels.

Entry to the talk is free but a donation of £3 is encouraged to cover costs. Everyone is welcome and there is no need to book. Doors open at 7pm.

Boothby Graffoe: Nomad - No Sane Either

CLAIMING to be the only comedian in the world named after a Lincolnshire village, the wonderfully eccentric Boothby Graffoe comes to The Lyric Theatre to perform a brand new set of his famously surreal songs, on Friday, April 12th.

Boothby's national spring tour 'Nomad - No Sane Either' coincides nicely with his new CD release. Despite being out of the spotlight when he 'retired' from stand up to concentrate on writing over the past few years, this song-singing comedian scored a massive result on a crowd-sourcing website with a record 500% over-subscription for his new studio music album 'Nomad'. In just 21 days, backers from all over the world pledged over 5 times more money than the target set. 'Nomad' features musical accompaniment from Stewart Lee's violinist Nick Pynn, Canadian super-group Barenaked Ladies' member Kevin Hearn, and movie star comedian Omid Djalili – coincidentally a talented bongo-player. Boothby said, "I'm surprised and delighted by the response. I just hope everyone enjoys listening to it as much as I enjoyed making it!"

Graffoe has won several awards, including the 2002

Boothby Graffoe brings his new show 'Nomad - No Sane Either' to Bridport



Adelaide Fringe Award for Excellence and the Time Out Comedy Award. He has been nominated for British comedy's prestigious Perrier Award. He has had five series on BBC Radio 4: two of The Big Booth featuring amongst others Steve Frost, Richard Thompson, Ned Sherrin, Glen Tilbrook and Kevin Eldon; three of No Particular Order featuring amongst others Art Malik, Steve Frost and Paul Zerdin. He's also written three plays for the stage: *The Condition Of The Virgin*, *God and Adam*, and *Hitler Sells Tickets*. When he's not writing and performing stand-up Boothby tours with Barenaked Ladies as their support. You can catch him on Radio 4 with Stephen K Amos and watch him on Comedy Central's Alternative Comedy Experience.

Boothby performs at the Lyric Theatre in Bridport on Friday, April 12th at 8pm. Tickets cost £10 and are available from the Bridport Arts Centre box office (Tues - Sat, 10am-3pm), by calling 01308 424204, in person, and online at www.bridport-arts.com.

JOHN MILLS TO GIVE DORCHESTER CONCERT

DORCHESTER Arts are delighted to welcome the outstanding classical guitarist John Mills who will be giving 'A Tribute to Andres Segovia' on Saturday, April 13th at Dorchester Arts Centre at 8pm.

A renowned classical guitarist, Mills studied with the legendary Andres Segovia, as well as John Williams and Julian Bream. In his remarkable career spanning some 45 years he has given over 3000 concerts around the world.

Now he presents a Spanish programme to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the death of his mentor Segovia featuring compositions commissioned by, associated with and transcribed by the great Spanish maestro, including works by Albéniz, Granados, Guilani, Tasman, Castelnuovo-Tedesco, and Bach.

Tickets are £13 / £10. To book ring 01305 266926 or book online at: www.dorchesterarts.org.uk

First ever Dorset Art Trail combines food and art

ART and food come together in a weekend of cultural and sensory delights when the first-ever Dorset Art Trail is this weekend from April 5th to 7th.

Focusing on the west and northwest of the county, this pioneering event, organised by Dorset Visual Arts, will see many renowned artists and food producers celebrating their talents.

Main events include a cookery demonstration by Lesley Waters, meet the artist occasions with photographer Jill Kennington

Courtauld and sculptor Marzia Colonna, as well as special lunches and evening events with furniture maker John Makepeace, Plush Art and Sladers Yard which involve a number of other leading artists, designers and makers, all providing a very special cultural weekend in Dorset. A master class in food photography and still-life led by award-winning photographer and filmmaker Robert Golden, a special pinhole photography day and a print workshop provide opportunities to get

practical.

The weekend will also feature walks and cycle rides as visitors follow the route between Halstock, Powerstock, Beaminster, Bridport, Lyme Regis, West Bay, Portesham, Plush, Minterne Magna and Yetminster. This trail, the first of four that will throw a spotlight on different parts of the county, is called 'A Movable Feast'.

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WEYMOUTH: Radipole & Southill Horticultural Society invite all to an interesting talk by Mike Crankshaw entitled 'My Life on Board the Royal Yacht Britannia'. The meeting will be held at Southill Community Centre, Radipole Lane at 7.30 pm. Further details available from Julie or Peter on 01305-772533.

THURSDAY APRIL 11TH

DORCHESTER: Plant Heritage, Dorset Group. The Iris Competition in Florence. An illustrated talk on a major European competition for this beautiful genus, by Clive Russell, National Collection Holder and International Iris Judge. At 7.30pm in the Conference Room, Kingston Maurward College. Visitors welcome (£2.50, students £1.00 at the door). Details from Peter on 01305 772533 and the NCCPG website.

SATURDAY APRIL 13TH

DORCHESTER: French Market for one day only, held on South Walks from 9am-4pm.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 17TH

DORCHESTER: Dorset County Museum Music Soc. will have a Piano Recital with Alexandra Dariescu, music by Bartok, Schumann and Chopin. It will be held at the County Museum, tickets £12 from the Museum or on the door.

THURSDAY APRIL 18TH

FORDINGTON: The RSPB A.G.M. will be held followed by a talk by Nick Tomlinson, warden at Kingcombe D.W.T. Reserve on the workings of the Reserve The talk will be held at St George's Church Hall, Fordington. Members £2.50, visitors £3.00.

FRIDAY APRIL 19TH

BROADMAYNE: St Martins Community Hall Broadmayne, (next to the Church) from 2-3.30pm. Raffle, craft, plants, books, jigsaws, cards, local sausages, lamb & eggs, local watercress, plants from local nursery, cakes and preserves and a chance to sit and chat with a cup of tea or coffee. All proceeds for St Martin's Community Hall. For further information please contact Eleanor Piper 01305 853765

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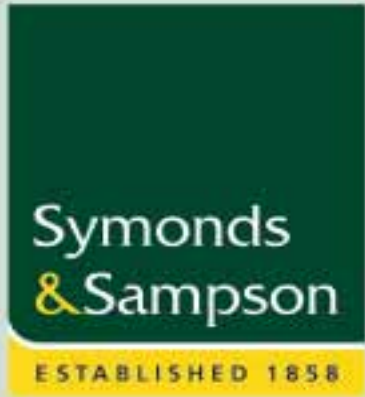
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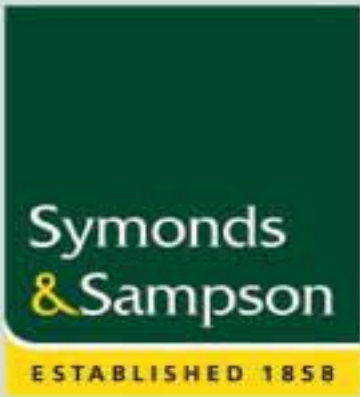


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Dorset Premier League
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PORTLAND United comfortably won 2-0 in this local derby. Two second-half strikes from Carl Mutch and Adam Linaker were enough to seal all three points.

The Islanders stay in second place, four points adrift of the leaders, but with two games in hand.

Parley Sports 1 Poole Borough 0

PARLEY Sports returned to winning form with a 1-0 win against Poole Borough.

The goal came just before the interval though Tobias Holmes as Poole remain in the bottom two after their 19th defeat of the season.

Senior League

ON Saturday, Mere Town won their 16th game of the season with goals from Robert Clowes, Scott Martin and Mariusz Kawater sealing a tight 3-2 at Sturminster Marshall.

The Sturminster goals were scored by Scott Logan and Richard Davies.

Gillingham Town Reserves fell further behind the leaders when they lost 3-1 to their visitors Witchampton United with their goal coming from Darren Isaac while on target for the Witches were Liam Cullen with a brace and one for Lewis Salter.

Piddletrenhide United and Sturminster Newton United drew 2-2 with the Piddletrenhide goals coming from Jon Churchill and Neil Kellaway.

Westland Sports stay in the top five after their 2-1 win against their visitors Weymouth Sports with their goals coming from Sam Farthing and Jake Wolfe. This result leaves Weymouth in the bottom two.

Upwey & Broadwey moved up into sixth place with a 2-0 victory against their hosts Blandford United Reserves with both their goals coming from Charlie May.

Kingston Lacy moved up a place to eighth following their 2-1 success against their visitors Stourpaine with their marksmen being Simon Dyer and Oliver Cherrett.

Portland United Reserves won for the first time since well before Christmas with a 3-1 win at Okeford United. The only Okeford goal came from from Oliver Chaffey.

Division One

CORFE Mullen United maintained their unbeaten record when they defeated relegation-threatened Swanage Town & Herston Reserves by a single goal scored by Mike Corbet.

South Cheriton stay on the leaders heels with a 4-1 success against their visitors Merley Cobham Sports Reserves. Terry Thorne grabbed a brace and one each for Adam Martin and Matthew Peters. The Sports consolation came from Matthew

Roberts.

Milborne Sports stay in the top three with a 5-0 win against Poundbury Rovers. Carl McClements scored a hat-trick and the were one apiece for Daniel Andrews and Ricky Lane.

Fourth-placed Bere Regis returned from Wincanton with maximum points by winning 2-1. Matthew White got the only Wincanton goal.

Bridport A stay in the top five despite drawing 2-2 with hosts Poole Borough Reserves. Borough's goals came from Ryan Mabey and Callum Neate.

The highest score of the day belongs to The Kangaroos who thrashed their visitors from Chickereil United reserves 11-0. The goals coming from Jamie Beasley with five, a brace from Richard Beasley and Jamie Samways and one each for Ross Foot and Taylor Quinton

Division Two

DORCHESTER Sports moved to within three points of the leaders with a 2-1 win against their visitors Donhead United with two goals from Karl Hicks.

Third-placed The Balti House maintained their position with a 4-1 win against their hosts Sturminster Newton United Reserves with the host marksmen being Andrew Ford.

Weymouth Spartans defeated their visitors Gillingham Town A 2-1 with their goals coming from Damien Walsh and Grant Chance which consequently keeps them in the top four.

Wyke Regis Social Club stay in the top six after their one-all draw with their hosts Shaftesbury Town Reserves with their goal coming from Andy Bell while the hosts goal came from Robert Guy.

Corfe Castle also shared the points with their visitors Wareham Rangers Reserves with a one all draw with David Field grabbing Corfes goal.

Portland Town moved further away from the bottom three with a 3-1 success against their visitors The Ship Inn Wool with their goals coming from Paul Cole, Elliott Gould and Daniel Sheppard.

Division Three

LYTCHETT RT made it twelve wins out of twelve to close the gap on the leaders to four points following their 3-1 success at Portsham.

Maiden Newton & Cattistock hoisted themselves into the top four with a 4-1 victory over their visitors Stalbridge. David Payne bagged a hat-trick and one for Christopher Ashdown sealed the win.

Owermoigne stay at the foot of the table on goal difference despite their 5-1 victory over fellow strugglers Bere Regis Reserves.

The game Stickland United and The Belvedere Inn was abandon after 47 minutes with a bad injury to a Belvedere player.

Division Four

MERE Town Reserves moved back to the top of division four following a 3-0 win against third-placed AFC Blandford with their strikes coming from Jamie Samways, Martin Silk and Thomas Young.

United Football Club of Poundbury moved further away from the bottom two with a 2-0 win against their visitors Portland Town Reserve. Ben Southern and Dan Mitchem netted for Poundbury.

Division Five

SWANAGE Town & Herston moved up into second place following their 2-1 win against their visitors Marnhull with their strikes coming from Ben Harding and Florinel Bujor while netting for Marhull was Will Stevens

Kangaroos Reserves stay in the top four after they 2-2 with third from bottom Lytchett RT Youth.

Milborne Sports Reserves stay in the top five after their 5-1 success at Broadstone with their goals coming from Dean Williams with a hat-trick and a brace for Paul Myatt. The Broadstone consolation goal came from Callum McColl.

Handley Sports Reserves won the battle of the bottom two with a 2-0 win against their visitors Maiden Newton & Cattistock with their marksmen being Simon Wallworth and Andrew Cawley.

This result now leaves the visitors seven points adrift at the foot of the table but have games in hand on the teams above them.

Match Reports - April 1st

Senior League

MERE Town are now only two wins away from clinching the senior league title after they increased their lead to 15 points following their 3-1 success against their hosts Piddletrenhide United.

Third-placed side Witchampton United won by a single goal against their visitors Portland United Reserves with the goal coming from Lewis Salter.

Westland Sports moved up into fourth place after their 3-0 win at Okeford who lie bottom with plenty of games in hand to get them out of the danger zone.

Upwey & Broadwey moved up into the top five with a 2-1 win against local-rivals Weymouth Sports. Two penalties from Charlie Kenderdine sealed a tough win. Kingston Lacy stay in seventh place after their 5-2 win against their hosts Blandford United Reserves with the Royals marksmen being Craig Haim and Lee Douch.

Stourpaine won for the seventh time when they defeated their hosts Sturminster Marshall 3-2. Will Gauge scored a brace but it was only a consolation for the bottom three side.

Division One

CORFE Mullen United maintained their unbeaten record and their ten-point lead at the top of division one when they defeated eighth placed Kangaroos 2-1. A

strike coming from Mike Corbet and a penalty from Ashley was enough for the title-destined side.

South Cheriton stay in second place after their 2-1 success against Swanage Town & Herston Reserves with the Swans goal coming from George Harvey.

Milborne Sports lost ground on the leaders when they could only play out a goal less draw with their hosts Poole Borough Reserves.

Merley Cobham Sports Reserves stay at the foot of the table but now on goal difference despite their 3-2 win at Bridport. Jack Clemments scored a brace and one for Christopher Danvers while netting for the Bees were Kieran McAllister and player-manager Andrew Hitchcock.

Division Two

THE only fixture played enabled Portland Town to move further away from the bottom three with a 3-3 draw against their hosts Gillingham Town A.

Goals for Elliott Gould (2) and one from Paul Cole while netting for the Gills were Nicky Squires (2) and one for Sam Shanks.

RESULTS - March 30th

Dorset Premier League

Bridport Res 2-2 Blandford United
Chickereil Utd 1-5 Hamworthy Recreation
Cranborne 3-2 Shaftesbury Town
Hamworthy United Res 2-2 Wareham Rang
Holt United 1-0 Wincanton Town
Merley Cobham Spts 5-1 Sherborne Town
Parley Sports 1-0 Poole Borough
Portland Town 2-0 Weymouth Reserves
Tintinhull 3-1 Swanage Town & Herston

Senior League

Blandford Utd Res 0-2 Upwey & Broadwey
Gillingham Town Res 1-3 Witchampton
Kingston Lacy 2-1 Stourpaine
Okeford United 1-3 Portland United Res
Piddletrenhide 2-2 Sturminster Newton
Sturminster Marshall 2-3 Mere Town
Westland Sports 2-1 Weymouth Sports
League Division One
Kangaroos 11-2 Chickereil United Reserves
Milborne Sports 5-0 Poundbury Rovers
Poole Borough Res 2-2 Bridport A
South Cheriton 4-1 Merley Cobham Sports
Swanage T & H Res 0-1 Corfe Mullen Utd
Wincanton Town Reserves 1-2 Bere Regis

Dorset League Division Two

Corfe Castle 1-1 Wareham Rangers Res
Dorchester Sports 2-1 Donhead United
Portland Town 3-1 Ship Inn Wool
Shaftesbury Town Res 1-1 Wyke Regis S C
Sturminster New Res 1-4 The Balti House
Weymouth Spar 2-1 Gillingham Town A
Dorset League Division Three
Bere Regis Reserves 1-5 Owermoigne
Maiden Newton & C 4-1 Stalbridge
Stickland United 0-0 The Belvedere Inn
Abandon after 47 mins player injury.

Dorset League Division Four

Mere Town Reserves 3-0 AFC Blandford
UC OF Poundbury 2-0 Portland Town Res

Dorset League Division Five

Broadstone Res 1-5 Milborne Sports Res

Handley Spts Res 2-0 Maiden New & Cat
Pimperne Sports p-p Wellworthys
Swanage T & Herston A 2-1 Marnhull

RESULTS - April 1st

Senior League

Weymouth Sports 1-2 Upwey & Broadwey
Blandford United Res 2-5 Kingston Lacy
Okeford United 0-3 Westland Sports
Piddlehinton United 1-3 Mere Town
Sturminster Marshall 2-3 Stourpaine
Witchampton Utd 1-0 Portland United Res
League Division One
Bridport A 2-3 Merley Cobham Sports Rese
Kangaroos 1-2 Corfe Mullen United
Poole Borough Res 0-0 Milborne Sports
Swanage T & H Res 1-2 South Cheriton
Dorset League Division Two
Gillingham Town A 3-3 Portland Town

FIXTURES - April 6th

Senior League

Kingston Lacy v Westland Sports
Piddletrenhide United v Okeford United
Upwey & Broadwey v Mere Town
Weymouth Sports v Sturminster Marshall
Stourpaine v Blandford United Reserves
League Division One
Bridport A v South Cheriton
Chickereil Utd Res v Merley Cobham Spts
Milborne Sports v Bere Regis

Poundbury Rovers v Corfe Mullen United
Wincanton Town Reserves v Kangaroos
Dorset League Division Two
AFC Cobham v Weymouth Spartans
Corfe Castle v Donhead United
Poundbury United v Gillingham Town A
Portland Town v Wyke Regis Social Club
Sturminster Newton Res v Ship Inn Wool
Wareham Rangers Res v The Balti House
Dorset League Division Three
Bere Regis Res v Maiden Newton & Cat
Stalbridge v Lytchett RT

Sturminster Marshall v Piddlehinton
The Belvedere Inn v Handley Sports
Dorset League Division Four
AFC Blandford v Bishops Caundle
Broadstone v Portland Town Reserves
Mere Town Res v Cranborne reserves
United Club Of Poundbury v Puddletown

Dorset League Division Five
Handley Spts Res v Swanage Town A
Maiden N & C Reserves v Broadstone Res
Marnhull v Millborne Sports Reserves
Portland Town A v Pimperne Spts Society
Wellworthys v Lytchett RT Youth

Team of the Week

This week's plaudits go to Corfe Mullen United after they maintained their unbelievable unbeaten run this season, winning twice in four days to move closer to the Division One League title.

AS THEY STAND

Premier	PW	D	LGD	Pts
Holt Utd.....	25	19	3	31
Portland Utd.....	22	18	2	50
Wincanton.....	22	16	4	21
Hamw'thy Res.....	22	14	2	62
Tintinhull.....	24	13	2	9
Chickereil Utd.....	23	11	7	16
Weymouth Res.....	25	11	4	10
Bridport Res.....	23	9	6	14
Parley Sports.....	22	10	3	9
Shaftesbury.....	24	10	1	13
Wareham.....	25	8	5	12
Blandford Utd.....	26	9	1	16
Cranborne.....	24	7	6	11
Hamw'thy Utd.....	25	6	13	-11
Swanage & H.....	21	8	2	11
Merley Sports.....	26	6	4	16
Poole Boro.....	26	4	2	20
Sherborne.....	23	2	6	15

Senior League	PW	D	LGD	Pts
Mere Town.....	19	17	1	40
Gillingham Res.....	19	12	1	6
Witchampton.....	17	11	5	13
Westland Spts.....	10	10	2	8
Upwey & Broa.....	15	10	0	5
Sturminster.....	19	8	5	6
Kingston Lacy.....	17	9	2	10
Stourpaine.....	17	7	4	10
Piddle'thide.....	19	7	3	9
Portland Utd.....	22	6	3	13
Blandford Utd.....	19	6	2	11
Sturminster M.....	22	5	1	30
Weymouth.....	19	3	6	10
Okeford Utd.....	14	3	8	-19

Division One	PW	D	LGD	Pts
Corfe Mullen.....	17	15	2	0
South Cherin.....	15	12	1	2
Milborne Spts.....	18	10	4	28
Bere Regis.....	17	8	2	7
Bridport A.....	18	7	3	8
Poundbury.....	15	5	3	7
Poole Boro.....	17	5	3	9
Kangaroos.....	17	4	5	8
Wincanton.....	12	4	4	-2
Swanage Res.....	13	4	0	9
Chickereil.....	16	4	0	12
Merely Cob.....	17	3	1	11

Division Two	PW	D	LGD	Pts
AFC Cobham.....	19	14	2	3
Dorchester Sp.....	20	12	3	26
Balti House.....	18	12	4	27
AFC Blandford v Bishops Caundle	17	11	3	37
Gillingham A.....	20	7	4	9
Wyke Regis.....	18	7	3	8
Corfe Castle.....	18	7	2	9
Shaftesbury.....	18	6	4	8
Wareham Ran.....	17	4	6	7
Portland Twn.....	17	4	5	8
Donhead Utd.....	14	1	13	-9
Sturminster.....	15	4	1	10
Ship Inn, Wool.....	15	2	4	9

Division Three	PW	D	LGD	Pts
Piddlehinton.....	18	12	4	2
Lytchett RT.....	12	12	0	60
Handley Spts.....	18	7	2	25
Maiden N&C.....	16	7	2	13
Portesham.....	15	6	3	-1
Stalbridge.....	15	5	5	-1
Belvedere Inn.....	11	5	3	6
Sturminster.....	15	6	2	18
Stickland Utd.....	17	3	6	-12
Bere Regis Res.....	14	1	5	-27
Owermoigne.....	17	2	2	13

Division Four	PW	D	LGD	Pts
Mere Town.....	15	10	1	26
Puddletown.....	13	9	2	13
AFC Blandford.....	14	8	4	29
Broadstone.....	13	8	2	29
Cranborne.....	16	6	3	-5
Bishops Caun.....	14	5	2	7
Portland Res.....	13	4	5	0
UFC Poundb.....	13	3	6	9
Corfe Mullen.....	17	3	0	41
Weym'th Spar.....	14	2	1	42

Division Five	PW	D	LGD	Pts
Pimperne.....	14	12	0	2
Swanage Town.....	12	9	3	0
Kangaroos.....	16	9	3	4
Wellworthys.....	15	9	2	26
Milborne Res.....	15	8	3	22
Broadstone.....	18	6	1	11
Marnhull.....	17	5	3	-13
Portland A.....	16	5	2	9
Lytchett RT.....	17	4	4	-26
Handley Res.....	18	4	2	-59
Maiden N&C.....	12	2	1	9

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Scrum Down - News from Puddletown and Dorchester

Dorchester end six-game losing streak with strong performance

Supermarine12-43 Dorchester

DORCHESTER finally brought their run of defeats to an end with a hard fought victory away in Swindon.

Playing with the stiff breeze in the first-half Dorchester immediately set up camp in the hosts twenty-two. However, familiar failings led to several chances going begging and 20 minutes in and the game was still scoreless.

The deadlock was finally broken when James Baker picked up a turnover on the half-way line and outpaced the cover to the corner. Supermarine hit back with a try of their own when there forwards, using the pick and drive to good effect drove over in left hand corner.

Both tries went unconverted and with time slipping away the scores were tied. Winger Dave Clarke chased down a long kick from Rich Bament and with the help of Dave Gower forced the home defence into a mistake behind their try line which Clark gleefully jumped on for a second try, this time converted by Baker. Then, with the last play of the half, Luke Weller's long

pass found Clark in space and he wrong footed the last defender for his second try. Baker's conversion gave the visitors a 14-point lead at the break.

With the benefit of the wind Supermarine were confident of pulling off a rare win and, when their left-winger fielded a missed touch kick and ran through the entire Dorchester team to score under the posts, that confidence seemed well-placed.

Just when it mattered most Dorchester seemed to remember that they are a decent side and took a grip on the game that they never released.

With Shane Costigan pulling the strings from scrum half they began to put some width on the game and the pace and power of Jamie Morgan and James Baker proved too much for the home defence.

Baker benefited from Morgan's run and kick ahead for his second try, Morgan himself then sliced through to score under the posts. Dorchester continued to dominate and Morgan was on the end of Dave Clark's little grubber into the

corner before Baker finished proceedings with his third try of the afternoon.

Puddletown Preview

AFTER having no fixture last weekend, Puddletown will look to eradicate memories of their 22-0 loss to Frome when they take on local-rivals Dorchester seconds in what looks set to be a very even contest.

Just three points separate the two sides, however when they last met back in December Dorchester came out on top winning 22-7.

Dorchester Preview

DORCHESTER themselves did not have a fixture last weekend. The second string will look to continue their rich vein of form, winning five from their last five outings.

Dorchester first XI travel to Wootton Bassett this weekend in the hope of building on their last result. Dorch will take great confidence from the 27-5 victory back in December and many will expect a similar result.

TERRAS & MAGPIES REPORTS

Strugglers hit four past woeful Magpies

Dorchester Town 0 Staines Town 4
BLUE SQUARE SOUTH – ATT: 487
(Saturday, March 30th)

DORCHESTER Town were swept aside by Staines Town at The Avenue on Saturday as the relegation threatened visitors turned the formbook upside down.

Magpies' manager Phil Simkin kept faith with the side that beat Farnborough Town on Tuesday except in goal where Jason Matthews returned after injury.

This meant debutant Steve Walker kept his place in the centre of defence with Aaron Pugh, returning after suspension, having to warm the subs' bench.

However the plan backfired as the Swans outmuscled their hosts with captain David Wheeler dictating the play.

There was more misery for Simkin however as he lost both Tom Nichols and Ben Watson to injury and had skipper Mark Jermyn sent-off in the second-half.

Keiffer Moore looking for games to get his fitness back after a long injury was well policed by Jerel Ifil but did manage to shake him off twice early on but his efforts failed to really test 'keeper Jack Turner.

As on Tuesday neither side could settle in the first 15 minutes but slowly Staines began to take control, and midway through the half striker Tyrone Marsh had the home defence caused chaos inside the penalty area before the ball was hacked away.

Soon after Walker should have scored with the Magpies best chance of the afternoon but he put a free header from Neil Martin's cross well wide.

However the pressure was building on the home defence and Jermyn was booked for a rash challenge on Marsh right on the line of the penalty area near the left angle on 34 minutes, and he made him pay for the mistake by curling the free-kick beyond Matthews into the far corner with the aid of a slight deflection off a defender's head.

Dorchester, on the ropes needed to reach half-time in order to regroup, but Wheeler dashed their hopes with two pieces of magic either side on the break.

With a minute to half-time he was allowed to run 30 yards holding off challenges from Martin and Walker to slot the ball back across Matthews into the corner of the net.

Pugh replaced Harry Bell at the start of

the second half, but within two minutes the game was over when Wheeler was once again allowed to run at the home defence before feeding the unmarked Louis-Rae Beadle, who had time to pick his spot and curl his shot around Matthews.

The county town 'keeper then had to race from goal to save at Marsh's feet after Wheeler had threaded another exquisite pass through an overworked defence.

Things went from bad to worse just after the hour when Wheeler slipped Pugh wide on the right and as he raced towards goal was brought to the ground with a crashing tackle from Jermyn that brought a second yellow and subsequent red card.

Dorchester's best second-half effort came from Nick Crittenden but his 25-yard shot was easily held by Turner above his head.

Staines were now well in control and with the extra man made a number of good chances before substitute Dan Brown hit the top of the crossbar with a header from Max Worsfold's corner. Beadle returned the compliment by providing Wheeler with a chance but the former Brighton player drove his shot beyond the far post.

To rub salt into the wound Brown added a fourth in the last minute of normal time after Wheeler once again provided the pass to leave Matthews facing Brown and Beadle. He blocked the former's first shot, but the ball rebounded kindly for Brown to drive it home and complete a miserable afternoon for the Magpies.

Simkin said after: "My decision to stay with the same side as Tuesday unfortunately was wrong. I did what everyone considers to be the right decision after a performance like that; I didn't start certain players and it blew up in my face. At least I have learned a few things from the game.

"If you were a neutral watching you would have to agree they were stronger and wanted it more than us, and on the day I can't argue with that.

"The senior players made poor decisions at crucial times, and that was disappointing, and anyone that thinks we don't miss Ashley Nicholls only has to look at today's game."

It is possible Simkin will be without Watson (reoccurrence of calf strain) and

Nichols (dead leg) for Monday's trip to Eastleigh.

Dorchester Town 2 Farnborough 0
BLUE SQUARE SOUTH – ATT: 244
(Tuesday, March 26th)

A TOM Nichols strike midway through the first-half set Dorchester Town on their way to victory that moved them move back in contention for a play-off place.

Already missing his three central defenders through suspension, manager Phil Simkin was also without injured keeper Jason Matthews and midfield maestro Ashley Nicholls who was confined to bed with flu.

Alan Walker-Harris answered the county town bosses SOS to replace Matthews, whilst Steve Walker was drafted in for his debut alongside skipper Mark Jermyn in the centre of the defence. In midfield Lewis Morgan partnered Jamie Gleeson, playing his 300th game for the Magpies.

Farnborough started the better with Daniel Bennett and Dave Tarpey putting the home defence under pressure.

The Magpies were almost caught out in the second minute when a deep cross from the left found Tarpey six yards from goal, but fortunately Jake Smeeton got his body in front of the striker before he could shoot.

Keiffer Moore who has finally recovered from a thigh injury sustained five weeks ago, then saw his shot blocked by Alan Inns after being fed by Harry Bell before the Magpies took the lead on 22 minutes.

A good crossfield move saw Martin cross low to Nichols who fired just inside Craig Bradshaw's right hand post for his first goal in his second game since arriving from Exeter City for a second loan period.

The goal gave Dorchester the impetus to pick up their game and the small crowd who turned out on a cold night, were rewarded with some entertaining play as both sides looked to attack.

However, chances were few and far between, although Farnborough almost equalised on 39 minutes when Bennett's defence splitting ball found Tarpey who had got beyond Smeeton, but Harris-Walker was alert and saved his shot well with his feet.

Then on the cusp of half-time Dorchester doubled their lead.

Steve Laidler's tackle on Martin seemed

a routine shoulder to shoulder clash but referee Stephen Daly not only penalised him but also booked him.

The resultant free-kick found Walker, and although he didn't make good contact with the ball, his header bobbed just inside the post as Bradshaw scrambled to get to it as Moore moved in.

Gleeson almost celebrated his momentous evening with a goal eight minutes into the second-half.

Another flowing move saw Nichols lay the ball across to Gleeson 20 yards out who hit a thumping drive which brought a wonderful reaction from Bradshaw to tip the shot over the bar.

From Martin's resultant corner, an unmarked Jermyn headed wide.

Tarpey who had a fine game, then blotted his copybook by being booked for diving following a challenge from Jermyn inside the box.

Inns followed his colleague for protest-ing at the decision.

Dorchester began to take charge in the latter stages and Nichols was unlucky when the ball bobbed just as he was about to shoot having been set up by Martin who cut the ball back after cutting along the byeline.

Then Morgan failed to get a clean shot in after a goalmouth melee and the ball dribbled wide of the post.

Nichols should then have added a third in added time with a free header from another Martin cross but he directed it straight at Bradshaw.

Simkin was understandably delighted with his side's victory.

"Farnborough are a very good side with some excellent players so I wasn't quite sure how it was going to go.

"However Steve Walker was absolutely outstanding considering he has never played higher than Wessex Premier League standard before, and there is always a goal in Tom Nichols.

"In fact there were a lot of really good performance out there and it is hard to pick out anybody for man of the match.

"Jake Smeeton, who never gets any credit, was excellent and Harry Bell quietly got on with his job, whilst that was vintage Nick Crittenden out there. Fair play to Alan Walker-Harris also, for stepping in.

"He made a decent save with his legs just before half-time that made a massive

difference.

"Lewis Morgan and Jamie Gleeson ran the game despite Farnborough having three in midfield for over an hour.

"You're always going to miss a player of Ashley Nicholls quality, but Gles on his 300th game took on his mantle, came into his own and ran the game.

"It was a very pleasing performance from everyone on the pitch. Jem held us together in the first 20 minutes and gradually we got our shape.

"It wasn't pretty but we stayed in the game and slowly took it over. They couldn't match our work rate; and although our players have their faults, they never know when they are beaten."

Magpies shot down by Spitfires

Eastleigh 3 Dorchester Town 1
BLUE SQUARE SOUTH – ATT: 524
(Monday, April 1st)

DORCHESTER Town failed to shake off the defeat by Staines on Saturday, and succumbed to three goals in a ten-minute spell either side of half-time at Silverlake on Monday.

Manager Phil Simkin did ring the changes with Charlie Clough back after suspension and Aaron Pugh starting the game, but they were went down to a defeat that sees their play-off hopes virtually ended.

Both side's had chances in the first-half, but it was a mistake by Neil Martin, who has been in sparkling for this season, that saw them go behind five minutes before the break.

His intended header back to 'keeper Jason Matthews lacked power and Jai Reason nipped into to leave the Magpies' keeper stranded.

Glenn Southam doubled their lead on the stroke of half-time when he outpaced the Magpies' defence in a chase for long kick from 'keeper Ross Fitney.

Calvin Brooks replaced Pugh at the break and he gave the Magpies hope when he headed home Sam Malsom's corner three minutes after the restart.

But the Spitfires regained their two goal advantage two minutes later when Chris Zebrowski headed home, and they might have had more as the game progressed as they controlled the game.

WEYMOUTH RFC - YOUTH SECTION

Deserved plate victory for U14s

Weymouth 46 Oakmedians 12

A LARGE crowd braved the cold to see the Weymouth U14s turn in their best all round performance of the season and win the Dorset Plate final in style.

Oakmedians are a well-drilled side, particularly in the forwards, who have put in some excellent performances this season.

Having beaten the Seasiders 29-19 in their last meeting, Weymouth were well aware that they needed to be on top of their game if they were to stand any chance of winning some silverware.

They did not disappoint. Although the visitors looked strong in the first five minutes they were not allowed to settle and the Weymouth forwards cleared out the rucks quickly and efficiently, to provide their backs with an unprecedented amount of clean ball through the half back duo Will Stone and Morgan Wyatt.

The home pack also dominated at the scrums winning plenty of ball against the head.

Weymouth's support play and continuity, partic-

ularly that of the forwards, was impressive with all eight forwards picking up and driving forward at every opportunity.

It was great to see all of the players, particularly the front and second row forwards, running with the ball in hand with several support runners in attendance.

eight tries

Weymouth played simple running rugby and scored eight well-worked tries; five for the wingers, Macaulay Quinn (4) and Cameron Thomson, two for full-back James Davis and one for the outside centre George Simpson.

It was a physical but good-tempered game that unfortunately saw key players from both sides being replaced due to injury.

Weymouth inside centre Rory Legg was replaced by open side flanker and man-of-the-match, Troy Brocklebank.

He continued where Legg left off and caused the visitors real problems in the middle of the park in addition to making numerous try-saving tackles.



■ BINGO: Kate Taylor presents a cheque to members of Dorchester Town Football Club for £3,460, the proceeds of the Bingo sessions she has been holding throughout the year (l-r): Matt Lucas, Kate Taylor, Paul Harris and Adam Robertson.
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INSIDE: Local sport round-up

Goal-shy Terras play-off chances fade after loss

Weymouth 0 Redditch United 2
EVO-STIK SOUTHERN PREM – ATT: 651
(Saturday, March 30th)

WEYMOUTH's chances of reaching the play-offs took a severe setback on Saturday when they were beaten by relegation-haunted Redditch who had not scored for five games.

This was the ideal opportunity for the Terras to get back to winning ways and keep in contention for a play-off place following two crushing defeats at Stourbridge and home to Chesham United last week which saw them concede eight goals in total without reply.

However despite the inclusion of on loan signing Jamie Richards from Plymouth Argyle, and Dorchester's Jamie Symes on the bench, Weymouth failed to make an impact in what some fans describe as the worst showing from a Weymouth team at the Bob Lucas Stadium for many a year.

The first-half was virtually devoid of goalmouth action, with neither side having a shot on target, but almost inevitably

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it was some schoolboy defending that led to Redditch scoring their first goal in over 500 minutes when William Richards scored.

Dean Bennett fed the ball into Richards who quickly played a one-two with Robert Thompson-Brown leaving Ashley Wells stranded. The midfielder dinked the ball to Richards who held off Sam Poole before driving low past Simon Evans.

Even going a goal down did not motivate the home side and Redditch took advantage of some more poor defending to double their score on 77 minutes.

Thompson-Brown, lurking beyond the far post hammered the ball into the roof of the net from an acute angle.

Late winner ends Terras hopes
Bashley 1 Weymouth 0
EVO-STIK SOUTHERN PREM – ATT: 304

(Monday, April 1st)

WEYMOUTH's promotion hopes were just about extinguished when Bashley grabbed a late winner on Easter Monday.

Despite a much better performance from the Terras, they haven't scored in their last four games.

Manager Brendon King made changes following Saturday's home defeat to Redditch United and they certainly appeared to have done the trick with Weymouth dominating the first-half.

Jamie Symes, making his first start for the club on loan from Dorchester Town, had a good game but they couldn't find the net and it looked like the Terras would have to settle for a point.

However, disaster struck ten minutes from time when a mistake from Simon Evans, who previously had made two smart saves saw Bashley take an undeserved, and ultimately, winning lead.

The 'keeper appeared to have safely gathered Mark Gamble's cross, but when he dropped the ball, Ian Richardson was on hand to shoot home.



■ RUNNERS-UP: The Chickerell Under 14s girls team that was beaten by Weymouth Town in the recent county cup final at Ferndown
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